

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

# Memorandum

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From

Technical Project Officer, State Programs Section, RPB, DHAC (E32)

Subject

Follow-up Health Activities Panel Recommendation and Public Health Action Plan:

(Crossley Farm, Berks County, Pennsylvania)-ACTION

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The preliminary health assessment for the Crossley Farms site, Berks County, Pennsylvania, site has been evaluated by the Health Activities Recommendations Panel (HARP). Based on the conclusions of the state health assessor and the Panel, we propose that the following HARP statement and Public Health Action Plan be included in the preliminary health assessment for this site:

# Health Activities Recommendation Panel (HARP) Recommendations

The Crossley Farm, Berks County, Pennsylvania, has been evaluated by ATSDR's Health Activities Recommendation Panel for appropriate follow-up with respect to health activities. Because of the past, current, and possible future exposure to site contaminants, particularly TCE, at levels of public health concern, the Panel recommends that physician and community health education and that biomedical testing, such as liver functioning tests, be performed for those individuals who have been exposed to site-contaminants through drinking contaminated private well water. Previous to the panel meeting, the site was accepted for inclusion on ATSDR's TCE subregistry-the panel concurs with this action.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIONS

Based on the recommendations of HARP, ATSDR has developed the following public health actions:

## Public Health Actions Taken:

ATSDR, through its Division of Health Studies, has accepted this site for inclusion on the TCE subregistry.

### Public Health Actions Planned:

ATSDR, through its Division of Health Education, and in conjunction with the local medical community, will conduct an environmental health education program. This program will advise the public health professional and the local medical community of the nature and possible consequences of exposure to contaminants at the Crossley Farm site. The value of obtaining a complete and accurate exposure history will be stressed as part of this program. In addition, information that is provided on the contaminants of concern may include, but not limited to, the physical nature of the contaminant, potential exposure pathways (i.e., soil,

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water, air, and food) and exposure routes (i.e., inhalation, ingestion, dermal), potential health effects, symptoms of exposure and testing and treatment, if known.

ATSDR will evaluate the feasibility of conducting biomedical testing (e.g., liver functioning tests) for those individuals who have been or may still be exposed to site contaminants through use of private well water.

If you agree with the HARP statement and the PHAP, please indicate your approval below and return this memo to us. If you do not concur with these statement, please provide us with your suggested revisions, so that we can proceed with the finalization of this preliminary health assessment.

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